

REMARKS

Claims 1 - 20 are pending and subject to a requirement for election of species. In response to the requirement, applicant elects Species A, "[p]olynucleotides comprising a polynucleotide sequence[] encoding the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO:2," without traverse, as that species to which claims shall be restricted if a claim generic thereto is not found allowable.

Claims 1 - 4, 7 - 14, and 17 - 20 read on the elected species.

Claims 5 - 6 and 15 - 16 do not read on the elected species.

Claims 1 - 2, 7 - 12, and 17 - 20 are generic to the elected species.

CONCLUSION

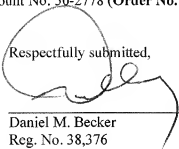
Claims 1 - 20 are believed to satisfy all of the criteria for patentability and are in condition for allowance. An early indication of the same is therefore kindly requested.

No fees beyond extension of time and IDS fees are believed to be due in connection with this Amendment. However, the Director is authorized to charge any additional fees that may required, or credit any overpayment, to Dechert LLP Deposit Account No. 50-2778 (Order No. 153278-BM45308D1 (306548)).

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